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Young Calls CIA Better Than Soviet KGR

A Senator just back from an inspection trip around the world said the Central Intelligence Agency is doing a better job than its Soviet counterpart, and with less men.

Sen. Milton R. Young (R., N.D.) based his finding on a top-secret tour of CIA posts in 14 countries and American military installations in 15 nations.

He made the trip as a member of the special Senate subcommittee authorized to examine the CIA's multi-million dollar budget.

Young said he was tremendously impressed by CIA operations throughout the world. He added: "Their work is far more effective than the public generally gives them credit for. Their results are better than those of the Russian KGB, the Soviet counterpart, even though the Russians have more than twice as many personnel."

He said some previous criticism of CIA may have been justified, but he added that "it is a far better organization now than in the years past."

Young praised the administration of CIA Director John A. McCone. "He is as good a man as we could have," Young said. "It would be unfortunate if he were replaced."